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CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/432,887 filed December 12, 2002, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The present invention generally relates to the field of wireless communications. More particularly, the invention relates to a backward compatible transmitter diversity scheme for use in an OFDM system.